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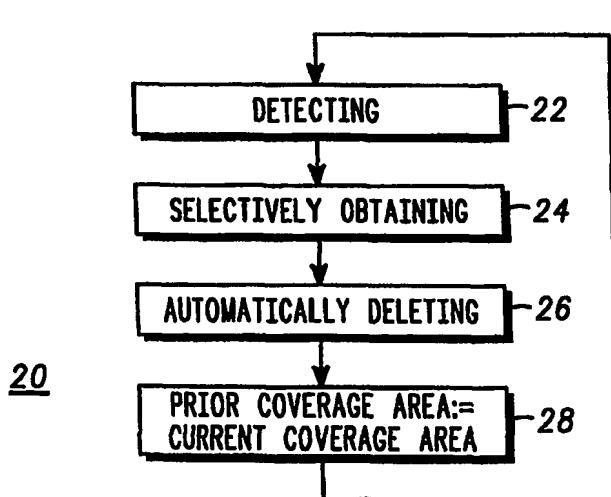
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(57) Abstract: A method (20) for selectively deleting messages received by a radio telephone (1). The method (20) includes detecting when the telephone (1) has moved from a previous coverage area to a current coverage area and selectively obtaining a set of coverage area specific messages (Mset) stored in a memory (16,18) associated with the telephone (1), the coverage area specific messages being from a set of messages received when the telephone was in the previous coverage area. The method (1) provides for and automatically deleting the coverage area specific messages from the memory (16,18) when the telephone (1) is in the current coverage area.